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SUBJECT: NIGERIA: GLOBAL FUND PROPOSALS FORTHCOMING

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The Economic and Political sections consulted with USAID and CDC Nigeria to gather information in response to Ref B.

(A) It appears that the highest levels of the GON have been aware of the Global Fund request for proposals for some time, although the March 10 deadline was less widely understood. The President recently instructed the Minister of Health, who is ex-officio Secretary to the Presidential Committee on AIDS, to submit proposals before that deadline.

(B) According to Ministry of Health officials, NGOs and civil society will not have an opportunity to provide input for this first round of proposals. However, civil society will be asked to contribute to the second tranche due June 2002.

(C) The Process:

The GON, under the leadership of the Minister of Health, has completed proposals for malaria and tuberculosis and is currently drafting HIV/AIDS proposals. Specifics for the malaria and TB proposals are not known. The HIV/AIDS proposals will likely revolve around (1) prevention and (2) care and support. Care and support programs would focus on voluntary counseling and testing; anti-retroviral access; and prevention of mother-to-child transmission. The National Action Committee on AIDS (NACA) is responsible for drafting the HIV/AIDS proposals and will submit them to the Minister of Health before approval by the President.

NACA is a multi-sectoral body comprised of 10 federal ministries augmented by NGO participation and established as part of the national strategy to combat HIV/AIDS. The creation of NACA enables the GON to participate in the World Bank's Multi-sectoral AIDS Program (MAP), resulting in the provision of USD 90 million in IDA credits for FY2001/02. NACA will disburse these funds, as well as USD 40 million of GON funds for HIV/AIDS, through the State Action Committees (SACAs) to civil society and Local Government Action Committees (LACAs). Programs at the State and local levels are coordinated and overseen by NACA.

One criterion for the Global Fund proposals is the formation of a Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM). NACA could qualify as a Country Coordination Mechanism, but the Minister of Health has decided to create a new mechanism. The reasons behind this decision are not known, but could be due to bureaucratic politics as the relationship between the Health Ministry and NACA has not always been smooth.

(D) The GON does not require assistance to submit proposals.

(E) The Ministry of Health asked the CDC to assist in the preparation of the tuberculosis proposals. However, CDC representatives were out of the country at that time and were, therefore, unable to assist.

(F) The GON requested input from the wider donor community on the tuberculosis proposals. For the malaria proposals, the GON requested assistance from UNICEF and BASICS, a USAID implementing partner, and both provided input. The GON is working with UNAIDS on the HIV/AIDS proposals.

(G) The GON is aware of the search for an Executive Director, but has not announced any intention to submit a candidate.
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